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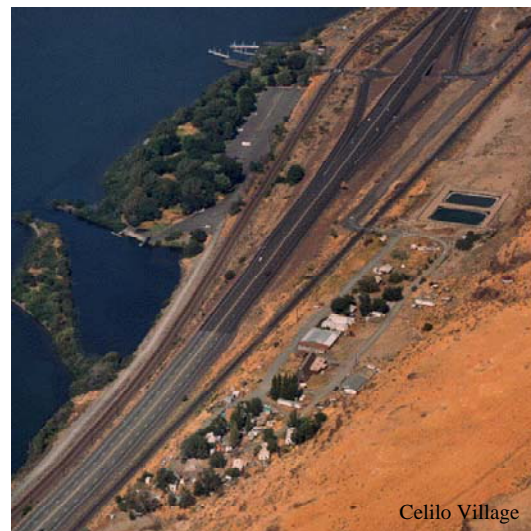
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Redevelopment history

For millennia, the Celilo area has served as a trade center, sacred fishing ground and gathering place for the Northwest Indian tribes. Celilo Village, itself, currently supports 13 dwellings and about 50 people, but inadequate sanitary and water systems have caused public health and safety problems that concern federal, tribal, state and local health officials. To resolve these problems, the tribes formally requested the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to rebuild the village under the Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Sites Project. Celilo Village Redevelopment was authorized by Pres. George W. Bush on March 2, 2004, as part of Public Law 108-204, and provides for the reconstruction of the village and associated structures and systems, repairs to the longhouse, and operation and maintenance of the rebuilt village.

The Corps continues to work with the tribes, agencies, residents and other stakeholders to make redevelopment a reality. The Corps is scheduling and facilitating monthly meetings with the reconstituted Wyam Board. Discussion topics from the Oct. 28, 2004 meeting at the Columbia River Gorge Discovery Center will be outlined in the newsletter.



Longhouse renovation

The design/build contract for the longhouse was awarded to Colville Tribal Services Corporation. Cooper Consulting Engineers will be the subcontractor. Colville held a kickoff meeting at the longhouse on Monday, Oct. 4 to discuss the project with Celilo Village residents and other interested parties. In response to comments made at the meeting, Colville has modified the longhouse design to accommodate additional seating. Options for expanded restroom facilities are being explored. The project design will be 60 percent complete by the end of November. Actual work on the site is scheduled to begin in Mid-December, including kitchen demolition and the pouring of a new foundation. Personal property and kitchen supplies and utensils should be removed from the longhouse by their owners or custodians prior to the end of November.

New water well drilling

The contract for drilling the new well and related work was awarded to Cherokee General. Cherokee's subcontractor, Geotech, will be performing the actual drilling. The Contractor is mobilizing to the site on Nov. 11, and will begin drilling on Friday, Nov. 12. The drilling is scheduled to be completed in mid-December.

Construction site safety_____

The Corps will make every effort to insure construction site safety. The construction area will be fenced off and residents are encouraged to educate their children regarding the importance of staying outside the barriers. During the redevelopment process, the contractor will hold weekly coordination meetings. Safety will be a major topic of discussion at these meetings. In addition, a weekly tool box safety meeting (5-10 minute) will be held for the contractor’s employees to address any issues/concerns. The residents are invited to attend these weekly meetings.

Cultural resources compliance_____

A cultural resources survey of the longhouse vicinity was recently completed by a Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon Cultural Resource Department crew, in consultation with Cultural Resource Program staff from the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. A written report detailing their findings is expected in the next week to ten days.

Officers Elected for Wyam Board_____

The Wyam Board elected the following officers in a closed session prior to the September meeting:

- Antone Minthorn – Chairman
- Bobby Begay – Vice Chairman
- Delilah Heemsah – Secretary
- Reuben Henry – Treasurer

Municipal Code Development_____

On Oct. 27, Roger Wagoner of *Berryman & Henigar* and the Corps held two meetings with Celilo Village residents at the village to discuss municipal code development. Transportation, fire suppression, use of longhouse facilities, and changes to physical project design elements that could resolve some of the needs at the village, were areas of concern expressed by the residents. Following the Wyam Board meeting, Mr. Wagoner and the Corps also met with Yakama, Umatilla, and Warm Springs tribal planning staff members to discuss their participation in code development.

Upcoming activities_____

- **Thursday, Dec. 16.** There will be no public Wyam Board meeting during November. The next scheduled public meeting will be held Dec. 16 in the classroom at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon from 10 a.m. to noon. The meeting will update Corps progress on redevelopment project activities.

The Celilo Village Redevelopment Newsletter is designed to provide information about Celilo Village Redevelopment. It is published monthly by the Celilo Village Redevelopment Project Delivery Team of the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For information about this project, please contact George Miller at (503) 808-4704 or by email at george.j.miller@usace.army.mil. For more information about this newsletter, please contact Jeremy Weber at (503) 808-4735 or by email at jeremy.j.weber@usace.army.mil.

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